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INTERIM OPERATOR APPOINTED TO RUN HICKORY HILLS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS

JEFFERSON CITY—Gary Cover of Clinton, Missouri, has been appointed as interim receiver to take charge of the daily operations of the Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company (Hickory Hills) under an agreement approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission. He will assume those duties effective August 13, 2006.

The Commission has also authorized its General Counsel to petition Cole County Circuit Court for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the water and sewer system near California, Missouri.

Cover is currently receiver over the operations of the Osage Water Company near the Lake of the Ozarks.

The agreement approved by the Commission was filed by the PSC Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, and Randy Clifford, the sole officer and director of Hickory Hills. Clifford stated he is unable or unwilling to continue to provide safe and adequate service to customers of Hickory Hills.

“There is a clear and immediate need for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of Hickory Hills to ensure that its customers are able to receive safe and adequate water and sewer service,” the Commission order said. “There is also a need for the appointment of an interim receiver to take immediate control of the operation of this water and sewer system. The person identified and recommended by Staff (PSC Staff) to serve as interim receiver is a responsible person knowledgeable in the operation of utilities, and will be appointed as interim receiver.”

Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company, Inc. serves approximately 50 water and sewer customers near California, Missouri.